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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

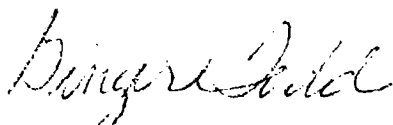
My name is Ginger Todd. I am a resident of Crawfordsville, Indiana. I am happy to hear that a proposed settlement has been reached between the federal government and Microsoft in the antitrust case.

While I don't know all of the details of the lawsuit or this settlement proposal, one thing the proposal clearly deals with is the most frequently voiced consumer complaint against Microsoft: the lack of choice when utilizing the Windows operating system. Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers to change Windows to have non-Microsoft programs built-in - programs that compete directly with Microsoft features and programs that usually come included with Windows.

The agreement by Microsoft to allow competition within Windows will be of great benefit to both consumers and competing software designers and manufacturers. I hope that you will approve the agreement so we consumers will be able to benefit from it soon.

Thank you for taking time to read my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginger Todd".

Ginger Todd